



State of Vermont
Vermont Department of Education
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Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

April 22, 2009

Dear Standards Board Members,

We have a busy meeting this month. Charles Johnson from the Vermont Department of Education will give a presentation regarding diversity issues in Vermont. I have asked that this presentation be specifically on issues and challenges teachers face in the classroom. This presentation should lead us into a discussion about cultural competency standards for Vermont educators.

The Higher Education Committee has two meetings regarding ROPA scheduled with higher education institutions. It is very important that we start on time and stay on schedule to accommodate these two meetings.

On April 27, the Secondary Transformation Policy Commission will meet. I will have an update for the Board on the progress the Commission has made towards making policy recommendations. Remember, in addition to the State Board of Education, the VSBPE is a Board that may receive policy change recommendations from the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Howe".

Brian Howe
Chair, VSBPE